

IN RECOGNITION OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS'S AEROJET EMPLOYEES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 600 employees at Aerojet-General Corporation's Camden, Arkansas, production facility and their achievement of the milestone shipment of their 5,000th MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor to Raytheon Missile Systems and the United States Navy.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Camden, Arkansas, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

The MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor provides the main propulsion for the Standard Missile 2 (SM-2), the United States Navy's primary surface-to-air air defense weapon. SM-2 is an integral part of the AEGIS Weapon System aboard Ticonderoga-class cruisers and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. The MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor also is the second stage propulsion for the Navy's newest defensive weapon, the Standard Missile 6 Extended Range Active Missile (SM-6), which will provide extended-range, anti-air warfare capability over both sea and land. The MK 104 is also utilized on the Standard Missile 3 (SM-3) for Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) from sea missions.

Aerojet has manufactured the MK 104 Dual Thrust Rocket Motor since 1987 at its Camden facility. The Standard Missile family of products, which also include the MK 72 booster and MK 125 warhead, is a noteworthy element of Aerojet's industry-leading tactical propulsion portfolio produced in Camden, generating significant employment opportunities for the area.

On the occasion of this milestone, I am proud to recognize the dedicated, hardworking employees of Aerojet in Camden and their achievements so far. These Arkansans are working hard to ensure our men and women in uniform have the resources they need to carry out their missions effectively and quickly and they deserve our sincere appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO RAY CHANDLER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ray Chandler, Attorney, an outstanding South Carolinian and a constituent of mine. Attorney Chandler was recently awarded the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Chandler is a native of Darlington, South Carolina. He graduated from The Citadel in 1968, and earned a law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1971. He is married to the former Sandra Heise of Sumter, South Carolina.

After earning his degrees, Mr. Chandler sought to serve his country and was commissioned a Captain in the United States Army's Judge Advocate Generals' Corps. During his tour of duty, Captain Chandler served as a

prosecutor at the United States Army Disciplinary Barrack at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He later served for two years as a prosecutor and defense lawyer in the Federal Republic of Germany. He completed his military tour in Heidelberg serving as the Deputy Chief of Criminal Law for the Seventh Army, which included all of Europe and Turkey.

After four years of active duty, Mr. Chandler left the Army and became an associate in the Ralph Cothran Law Firm in Manning, South Carolina. In 1979, he formed the Law Firm of Coffey, Chandler & Kent, P.A. Today he serves as the firm's Managing Partner, and handles criminal defense and wrongful death civil litigation.

Mr. Chandler has served as General Counsel for the South Carolina Firefighters Association for the last 32 years. It was this service that captured the attention of South Carolina's Governor and prompted the Governor to award him the Order of the Palmetto. Mr. Chandler was honored for his work as co-author of South Carolina's present arson laws, and for his dedication to South Carolina's firefighters. He was surprised with the award during a recent dinner with members of the South Carolina Firefighters Association in Myrtle Beach.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ray Chandler for his work on behalf of this country and his fellow man. He has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to the firefighters of South Carolina, as their Counsel and one of their strongest advocates. Our nation and my home state are better for his service and leadership.

HONORING THE "AMAZING" GRACE WARREN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to a remarkable woman and my former legislative director who passed away this past May following a five-year battle with ovarian cancer—the "amazing" Grace Warren. Today would have been her birthday.

When I was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1980, I knew that Grace had served in key roles for my predecessor, Rep. Ray Roberts, and that she had worked on Capitol Hill for many years. I knew that her experience and knowledge would be valuable to the Fourth District of Texas, and she soon became an indispensable member of my staff as well as a good friend. Grace served as a legislative policy advisor and legislative director, specializing in health care issues along the way. At any time she could have translated her wealth of knowledge into a lucrative career in the private sector, but Grace chose to remain a dedicated and loyal public servant and a forceful advocate for good public policy.

When referencing Grace or introducing her, it was my custom to refer to her as "Amazing Grace" because she either always had an answer for any question—or she could find it. She was a wonderful mentor to other staff and was respected and admired by so many in Washington, D.C., not only for her policy expertise but also for her caring heart.

In 2005 Grace was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and she responded to this challenge

in characteristic style. She researched as much as possible about the disease, consulted experts and patients, and prepared for battle on both a personal and policy level. She became a spokesperson and resource for ovarian cancer research advocacy groups in South Carolina and at the federal level. At the same time, she fought her personal battle with this dread disease by enduring surgeries, chemotherapy, and relapses—but always with a deep and abiding faith in her Creator and an undaunted spirit. Those of us who knew Grace marveled at her dignity, courage, strength and "amazing grace" throughout this difficult time.

In 2005 the House passed H. Res. 444, the "Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education." The acronym for this bill is "GRACE," for it was with Grace in mind that I introduced this bill in Congress. This resolution underscores the seriousness of ovarian cancer, which is the fourth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. To date, unfortunately, only a small percentage of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in the early stages. More research is needed to develop early detection tools, a reliable screening test, prevention methods, enhanced therapies—and a cure.

Grace would urge us to work toward this goal, and so I urge my colleagues to support funding for ovarian cancer research that will save countless lives today and in the future. And today I also ask my colleagues to join me in paying our last respects to this woman who dedicated her life to the betterment of this institution and to our Nation and who leaves a legacy of service that will be fondly remembered—Grace Warren.

FOURTH GRADE HERO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Kaylin Mancera, a fourth grader in Groves, Texas, for her heroic actions. May 1, 2009, has been proclaimed "Kaylin Mancera Day" on behalf of the city of Groves.

The students at Groves Elementary went about their normal lunch period during socializing and laughing until a fourth grader, Kaylin Mancera had noticed her friend choking on her hamburger. Once Kaylin realized that her friend, Annie Gil needed help, she successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver undoubtedly saving her friends life.

Kaylin did not ask for assistance, but promptly performed the Heimlich on her own. Kaylin had learned how to perform the Heimlich from a poster that she passed by everyday at Van Buren Elementary, her former school. Luckily Kaylin was sitting close by and did not hesitate to respond.

It is likely that most children Kaylin's age would not have been so perceptive of such visual instruction. Because of Kaylin's heroic actions, school officials have committed to a higher awareness of basic health and safety practices within the school.

On behalf of the Second Congressional District of Texas, I would like to honor Kaylin Mancera for her heroism. Her quick response on April 8, 2009, will be remembered and will have an impact on others around her.